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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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STREET & Co., 30, G. GORDON  
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SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 154,  
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RAISON, 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris.  
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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY  
& WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAW-  
FORD & Co.

## Bank.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.  
INSTALLED received on  
New Shares, 926,765.62

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.  
INSTALLED of PREMIUM re-  
ceived on New Shares, 699,336.43

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MANAGER.  
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County  
Bank.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL &  
Co. will conduct our Business at this  
port and all Communications should be ad-  
dressed to them.  
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will also Act  
as Agents at this port for our line of  
Steamers.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has resumed Charge  
as Secretary of the Society.  
By Order of the Board,  
N. J. BEE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, October 20, 1883.

## Intimations.

IT frequently occurs that from damp or  
otherwise Goods are spoiled from the  
fact of being water, water, unavail-  
able to Foreigners' taste and unfit for their  
use.  
This refuse Tea the Lady Superiores  
of the Italian Convent now comes forward  
and begs the LADIES and GENTLEMEN to let  
her have for her numerous Chinese pupils,  
for whom the sole beverage of luxury is Tea.  
Hongkong, September 10, 1883.

## NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overseas China Mail.  
(The oldest Overseas Paper in China).  
PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE  
IN THE FINEST OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely-  
printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from  
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cord of each fortnight's current history  
of events in China and Japan, con-  
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from the journals published at the various  
ports in those countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai,  
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Commercial Summary.  
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paid \$12.50).  
Orders should be sent to Geo. MURRAY  
BARK, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham  
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English Mail Steamer leaves.  
Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily  
China Mail.

## Intimations.

### CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that  
the SECOND CALL, \$16.66 on  
the SHARES of the NEW ISSUE is Payable  
on the 31st Instant.  
Interest at the Rate of 9 per Annum  
will be charged on all over-due Calls.

By Order,  
A. S. GARFIE,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, October 25, 1883.

### HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1882.  
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-  
pany are requested to furnish the  
Undersigned with a List of their Con-  
tributions for the year ending 31st December  
last, in order that the DISTRIBUTION of  
the PROFITS Reserved for Contributors  
may be arranged. Returns not rendered  
prior to the thirty-first day of October  
next, will be adjusted by the Company, and  
no Claims or Alterations will be subse-  
quently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, August 16, 1883.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Rules to London.  
Subject to 5 per Cent. Dis.

W. A. F. P. A.  
T. and S. H. K. 1 1/2  
Other Merchandise from  
Hongkong, 2 1/2  
T. and S. H. K. 2 1/2  
Other Merchandise from  
transshipment at H. K. 2 1/2  
Other Merchandise from  
transshipment at H. K. 2 1/2  
Goods for New York via Suez Canal, 1/2  
over rates to London.  
Goods for New York via Suez Canal,  
transshipment in London, 1/2 over rates to  
London.  
S. H. K. for Marseilles, 1/2 under rates to  
London.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents, B. & F. M. Ins. Co., Ltd.

## MARINE INSURANCE.

PARTICIPATION IN PROFITS.

THE Undersigned will return to each  
Insurer through them 33 1/3 per cent. of any  
profit there may be on his account for the  
12 months ending the 31st April in each  
year. In the first settlement, only transac-  
tions initiated between this date and the  
30th April next will be included.  
The settlement will be made so soon as  
the risks covered in each period have run  
off, and will be based on the difference  
between Net Premium received, and Losses  
and Claims paid.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Hongkong, October 4, 1883.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
AGENTS of the CHINA SHIPPERS'  
MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, October 20, 1883.

## PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND  
CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for  
passing the Company's Steamers  
through the SUEZ CANAL in QUARANTINE,  
thus avoiding any detention in Egypt.  
The Homebound Mails are now being landed  
at Venice, but the QUARANTINE which is  
still imposed at this other Coast  
EXTRA FOLIO prevents the landing of Pas-  
sengers, and those travelling by the Com-  
pany's Steamers are advised to remain on  
board the Vessel which calls at Marseilles  
en route—stopping a few hours only to dis-  
charge Cargo—and proceed in her direct to  
London, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE  
delays and inconveniences.  
The Passages of the Steamers will be  
accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA  
or GIBRALTAR.

F. L. WOODIN,  
Acting Superintendent.  
Hongkong, September 6, 1883.

## HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the  
PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED  
to 1 1/2 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

## MRS. P. SMITH,

PRIVATE TIPPIN ROOMS,  
AT  
Nos. 8 & 9, Beaconsfield Arcade.

## MEALS & REFRESHMENTS

AT ALL HOUSES.

## TIPPIN ROOMS, BILLIARD ROOM, AND READING ROOM.

N.B.—NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR  
THE USE OF READING AND  
BILLIARD ROOMS.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOARD AND LODGING can be made by applying to

Mrs. P. SMITH,  
On the Premises, Beaconsfield  
Arcade.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1883.

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING

#### NEW GOODS:

FENDERS and FIRE-IRONS, New FIRE-GUARDS and COAL VASES,  
KEROSENE COOKING STOVES,  
Hutch "DUPLEX" TABLE LAMPS in New Designs, New-FOLDING  
LAMP SHADES, LINEN "DAGMAR" SHADES.  
"SARATOGA" TRUNKS and LADIES' DRESS TRUNKS, TRAVELLING BAGS  
and HOLD-ALLS, DESPATCH BOXES and PORTFOLIOS,  
New "SLIDER" PLAYING CARDS, "MOBULES" and "SQUEEZERS,"  
CALL BELLS, SCRAP BOOKS, New OFFICE SUPPLIES,  
CHRISTMAS CARDS in New Price Designs, MENU and NAME CARDS,  
PORCELAIN MENU TABLETS,  
ARTISTS' MATERIALS and New CANVASES, AIR BEDS and CUSHIONS,  
New CUTLERY.  
CHRIST'S FELT-HATS in New Shapes and Colours, ELWOOD'S FELT-HATS on Cork,  
CRICKETING CAPS and "TAM-O-SHANTER" CAPS,  
TENNIS SETS, TENNIS BATS, TENNIS BALLS, CRICKET BATS,  
TENNIS BALLS and STUMPS, GUNS and SPORTSMAN'S Sundries,  
COPE'S TOBACCOS, Fresh GOLDEN CLOUD, Fresh BIRDSEYE and MIXTURE,  
MANILA and PENANG-CHUGLES,  
NEW SADDLERY, WHIPS and FLY SWITCHES, CURRY-COMBS and  
BRUSHES, SADDLES and SADDLE-CLOTHS.

#### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 24, 1883.

### SAYLE & Co.'s

#### SHOW-ROOMS.

JUST RECEIVED EX "GLENHIG"

AND NOW SHOWING.

CHEAP TRIMMED MILLINERY in latest styles.

#### SPECIALITIES IN BEAVER,

FELT, and STRAW HATS, and

BONNETS in newest shapes.

FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY, SILKS, VELVETS, SATINS, &c., &c., &c.

#### SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE

Hongkong, October 8, 1883.

## Intimations.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final BONUS of Five  
per cent. on Contributions, and a  
DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and  
TWENTY-SIX CENTS per Share for the year  
1882 will be Payable on MONDAY, the  
22nd Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at  
the Office of the Society on and after that  
date.

By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, October 22, 1883.

A GENTLEMAN who has had long and  
varied EXPERIENCE in COMMERCIAL  
BUSINESS and is quite competent to take  
charge of BOOKS, CASH, CORRESPONDENCE  
or the GENERAL MANAGEMENT of an Office  
is open to a re-engagement in China, at  
the end of the year—Unexceptionable Re-  
ferences.—Address "DELTA," Post Office,  
Amoy.

October 23, 1883.

## HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE THIRD CALL of £10 Sterling per  
Share on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW  
ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on  
the 30th SEPTEMBER CURRENT, in London,  
Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.  
REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to  
NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at  
the respective OFFICES, the above Call or its  
equivalent in the Currency of the above-  
mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being  
issued in Exchange for the 1st Call Receipts,  
which are to be surrendered to the Bank.  
HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES,  
when paying this Call, will please send same  
to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is  
fixed at 8/7d. or \$54.70 per Share.  
INTEREST at the Rate of 7 per Annum  
will be Charged on Calls unpaid on the  
30th SEPTEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 12, 1883.

## WILLIAM DOLAN,

SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,  
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

## COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

## CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested  
to send in to this Office a List of their  
Contributions for the year ending  
31st December last, in order that the  
PROPORTION of PROFIT for that year  
to be Paid as BONUS to Contributors  
may be arranged. Returns not sent in  
before the 30th November next, will be  
made up by the Company, and no subse-  
quent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Board,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1883.

## Auctions.

### POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on  
THURSDAY,

the 1st November, 1883, at 2 p.m., at his  
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,  
AN INVOICE OF  
JAPANESE PORCELAIN WARE,  
BRONZES, EMBROIDERED  
SCREENS, &c., &c.,  
comprising—  
VASES, JARS, INOSES, BOWLS, BOWLS,  
CARD DRESSERS, PLATES, BAKERS' AND TEA  
SERVICES, Egg-shell Vases, BIRDSEYE TEA  
CUPS and ORNAMENTS, SILK EMBROIDERED  
FOLDING SCREENS,  
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—AS CUSTOMARY.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, October 20, 1883.

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

GOOD BORDEAUX CLARET  
in cases of 1 doz. Quarts at...\$3.50.  
WOLFE SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS  
in cases of 12 Bottles at...\$5.00.

Also, some PRIME HOLLAND JEN-  
EVER in Stone bottles, and some  
POMERANZEN BITTERS.  
Double Barreled Breach Loading GUNS,  
RIFLES, REVOLVERS, CARTRIDGES  
and SHOT, &c., &c., &c.

J. F. SCREFFER,  
21 and 23, Fettinger Street.  
Hongkong, August 16, 1883.

## FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons  
COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to  
suit, from one ton upwards.  
CHOY CHEW,  
230, Praya West.  
Hongkong, June 18, 1883.

## FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s  
CHAMPAGNE,  
Quarts at...\$1.50 per 1 doz. Case.  
Pints at...\$1.00 per 2 doz. Case.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

## PUBLICATIONS.

BY JOHN CHALMERS, M.A., LL.D.,  
to be bought of LANE, CRAWFORD &  
Co. and KELLY & WALSH.

Structure of Chinese Characters, \$4.00.  
Cantonese Dictionary, 3.00.  
Do. stiched, 5.00.  
Do. stiched, 3.00.  
Tau-tch-king, 2.00.  
The Rhymes of the Shi, 1.00.  
The Rhymes of the Shi, 1.00.

LONDON Mission,  
Hongkong, May 16, 1883.

## ROPERICK DHU WHISKY.

A Pure, Fine-Flavoured Blend, Equal in  
Bouquet and Style to the Finest  
FRENCH BRANDY.

Sole Agent, Hongkong,  
C. L. THEVENIN.  
Hongkong, October 19, 1883.

## NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY  
IN THE  
CANTONESE DIALECT,  
BY  
DR. E. HETTEL.

CROWN OCTAVO, 27. 018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, ... \$2.50  
Part II. L-M, ... \$2.50  
Part III. N-O, ... \$2.50  
Part IV. P-Y, ... \$2.50

A Reduction of 10 per cent. will be  
allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Lan-  
guage, constructed on the basis of Kan-  
g-hi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese  
characters in practical use, and while alpha-  
betically arranged according to the sounds of  
the oldest dialect of China, the Can-  
tonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronun-  
ciation of all characters explained in the  
book, so that its usefulness is by no means  
confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the  
work is a practically complete Thesaurus of  
the whole Written Language of China, an-  
cient and modern, as used all over the  
Empire, whilst its introductory chapters  
serve the purposes of a philological guide  
to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound  
and used by itself, and containing a List  
of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of  
Surnames, will be published and sold  
separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1883.

## C. L. THEVENIN,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,  
HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING,  
HAS FOR SALE

A Fine Assortment of WHITE and RED  
BURGUUNDIES—GRAND HENRI-  
AGE, CHARENTAIS, POMMARD, RICHARDON,  
CHABLES, FORTS and Quarts, &c., &c.  
OLD PORT, SHERRY, WHISKY,  
COGNAC, Assorted LIQUEURS and STY-  
RUPS; FRUITS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 17, 1883.

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF  
LOGAN at CANTON, that have ap-  
peared in the China Mail is being printed  
in PAMPHLET FORM, and will be on  
SALE early TO-MORROW MORNING.  
Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, October 2, 1883.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

#### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
"Kiangtung,"  
Capt. M. YOUNG, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on THURSDAY, the 1st Inst., at  
Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 30, 1883.

#### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rate  
for CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIEN-  
TSIN, HANKOW and Ports on  
the YANGTZE.)  
The Co.'s Steamship  
"Telamachus,"  
Capt. JONES, will be  
despatched on or about  
the 1st November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 24, 1883.

#### SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship  
"Breconshire,"  
Capt. JONES, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on SATURDAY, the 3rd November,  
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 26, 1883.

#### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.

The Co.'s Steamship  
"Thames,"  
Capt. POCOCK, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on SATURDAY, the 3rd November,  
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 28, 1883.

#### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship  
"Achilles,"  
Capt. ANDERSON, will be  
despatched on or about  
the 5th November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 23, 1883.

#### NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEIL- LAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

The Steamship  
"Liban,"  
LADIE, Commander,  
will sail on or about  
the 7th November, for MARSEILLES  
via SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO,  
ADEN and SUEZ; and with leave to call  
at PENANG and TIENTSIN. In con-  
nection with these Steamers the Company  
runs a Line from MARSEILLES to  
HAYRE and LONDON, leaving Marseilles  
after arrival of the Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regu-  
larly from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports  
in the MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK  
SEA, by which through freight may be booked.  
The Company has a FRIGATE-BOAT  
at Paris, 9, Rue au ROUGE-MOUST, giving  
special facilities to Shippers.

Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and  
Stewards.

The line is noted for its cuisine, and beer  
and table wines are included in the passage  
money.



## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(Opposite the Commissariat),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA.

**CALIFORNIA  
RACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS** in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
CORNMEAL.

White BEANS.  
POPCORN BUTTER.  
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.  
COUNTRY BUTTER.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEER in 25 lb kegs.  
Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting's Dressed FRUITS in 24 lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Carried OYSTERS.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUGAR CASH.  
BLAWY.  
Maple SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
LOBSTERS.  
OYSTERS.  
HONEY.  
CORN STARCH.  
Green CORN.

## FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. " "  
900 lb. " "  
1,200 lb. " "

## CORN BROOMS.

OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
AXES and HATCHETS.

## AGATE IRON WARE.

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DEVOE'S NONPAREL  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
STOVES,

including:  
BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
CAVIAR.  
ASPARAGUS.  
SOUPS, &c.

## TENNISBAY'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
COCOATINA.

## VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIEBIG'S & EPP'S COCOA.  
FRENCH PLUMS.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

## MINCEMART.

SAUSAGES.  
BROWN.  
DANISH BUTTER.

## SPARTAN

## COOKING STOVES.

ENGLISH CUTLERY.  
ELECTRO-PLATE.  
CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.

## CLARETS.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pinks & quarts.  
1882 GRAVES.  
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**STEAM FOR**  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,  
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NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;  
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AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 10th November,  
1883, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. ANADY, Commandant LORNIER,  
with MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon of 5th November.  
Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on  
the 5th November. (Parcels are not to be  
sent on board; they must be left at the  
Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 25, 1883. nob

Accidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKEING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE,  
VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched  
for San Francisco, via Yokohama,  
with the option of calling at Honolulu,  
on SATURDAY, the 17th November, at  
3 p.m.  
Connection being made at Yokohama,  
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
ports.  
All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full; and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.  
RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who  
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San  
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)  
within six months, will be allowed a discount  
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking  
within one year, an allowance of 10% will  
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-  
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will be issued at a Discount of 25% from  
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to through fares from China and Japan to  
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Consular Invoices to accompany Over-  
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Cargo, should be sent to the Company's  
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco.  
For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.  
F. E. FOSTER,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 27, 1883. nob7

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Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

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Jarvis.—Thos. Howard & Co.

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Butterfield & Swire.

HAVIN BROWN, Amer. barque, Capt. C.  
Havener.—Russell & Co.

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Alfred Bickers.—Siemssen & Co.

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INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above  
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against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

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PANY.**

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept  
Risks on First Class Goods at 1  
per cent. net premium per annum.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.  
Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.  
If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.  
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
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Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates, payable either  
here, in London, or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

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Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## Intimations.

## THE CHINESE MAIL.

THIS paper is now issued every day.  
The subscription is fixed at Four  
Dollars per annum delivered in Hong-  
kong, or Seven Dollars Fifty Cents in-  
cluding postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever  
issued under purely native direction. The  
chief support of the paper is of course  
derived from the native community,  
amongst whom also are to be found the  
guarantors and securities necessary to  
place it on a business and legal footing.  
The projector, having estimates  
upon the most reliable information from  
the various Ports in China and Japan,  
from Australia, California, Singapore, Pe-  
nanang, Saigon, and other places frequented  
by the Chinese, considers themselves justified  
in guaranteeing a large and ever-increasing  
circulation. The advantages offered to  
advertisers are therefore unusually great, and  
the foreign community generally will find  
it to their interest to avail themselves of  
them.

The field open to a paper of this descrip-  
tion—conducted by native efforts, but  
progressive and anti-obstructive in tone—  
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commensurate Chinese belief and interest,  
while on the other it deserves every aid  
that can be given to it by foreigners.  
Like English journals it contains Editorials,  
with Local, Shipping, and Commercial  
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Subscription orders for the above may be  
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Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH  
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## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. Oct. 31, 1883.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid- up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Div. Closing Dividend, tation, Cash.
BANKS.						
H.K. and S'hai Bank.	60,000	125	125	3,108,336	52,509.62	£2 101% = \$303
INSURANCES.						
N. China Ins.	1,000,000	2,000	2,000	1,400,000	12,350.77	75 TL 1400 p. sh.
Yung-tung Ins.	1,000,000	2,000	2,000	1,400,000	12,350.77	18 TL 1015
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000,000	1,250	125	500,000	970,391.00	18.28% \$620 ex div.
China Traders' Insurance.	24,000	83.33	25	600,000	107,411.65	22% 1873 p. share
C'ion Ins. Office	10,000	250	50	...	500,127.77	10% \$115
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	1,000	200	100,378	33,907.18	3% \$215
H.K. Fire Ins.	8,000	350	50	861,000	250,732.50	\$20 \$350
China Fire Ins.	20,000	100	20	500,000	106,365.49	\$3.60 and 73
STEAM COMPANIES.						
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat.	8,000	100	75	200,000	41,420.95	6% \$123
Indo-China S. Nav. Co.	120,000	10	10	...	...	25% dis.
China & Manilla S. S. Coy., Ltd.	3,500	2100	all	...	...	18% prem.
MISCELLANEOUS.						
H.K. & Wh'po Dock.	10,000	125	125	818,000	2,683.04	4% 58% prem = \$107
H.K. Gas Co.	5,000	10	10	10,773.14	1,144.18	...
H'kong Hotel.	2,000	100	100	30,000	5,805.56	\$3 \$150
China Sugar Co.	5,000	100	100	...	687.06	\$12 for \$155
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250	100	100	15,200	...	18%
H'kong Bakery	500	50	50	4,000	4,990.65	...
Loan.						
Chi. Imp.	1874	6,276	100	all	...	8% June 30 Dec 31
" "	1873	16,040	100	all	...	8% Feb. 28 Apr. 30
" "	1878	3,393	100	all	...	8% April & Oct.
" "	1881	8,555	100	all	...	8% Jan 1 & Dec 10
Sugar Deben- tured, 1880.	600	500	all	...	...	8% June & Dec.

\* For 6 months to 30th June.—Dividend for 1882 and 50% of 25 per cent.—To 30th April  
1883.—\* For year 1881.—\* For half year ended 30th June 1883.  
EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

## Entertainment.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE LOTUS TROUPE  
WILL OPEN THEIR SEASON EARLY  
NEXT WEEK  
(dependent upon the arrival of the next  
MITSU BISHI STEAMER)

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S CELEBRATED  
COMIC OPERA,  
THE  
PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

NEW AND APPROPRIATE SCENERY BY  
C. J. BARBER.  
Correct Costumes and Artistic Properties.

The Company having had a most successful  
Season at Shanghai and in Japan, will  
spare neither pains nor expense to  
mount all their pieces in the  
most complete manner.

Prices:—  
Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.00.  
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Dress Circle or Stalls, 12 Nights, \$20.00.

In the Subscription Series no piece will  
be presented twice.

Box Plan now ready at Messrs. KELLY &  
WALSH.

Hongkong, October 20, 1883.

## JUST RECEIVED

ST. JACOB'S OIL.  
HOP BITTERS.  
ELECTRIC HAIR BRUSHES.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, September 24, 1883. Ste 4

## To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
"Douglas,"  
Capt. S. ASTON, expect-  
ed here on the 2nd Prox.,  
will be despatched for the above Ports on  
TUESDAY, the 6th Prox., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, October 31, 1883. nob

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Oct. 30, Fuyong, Chinese steamer, 920,  
Croat, Shanghai Oct. 27, General.—C.  
M. S. N. Co.

Oct. 31, Actin, Danish steamer, 268,  
Ravsbach, Saigon Oct. 24, Rice.—AN-  
HOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Oct. 31, Anton, German steamer, 356, F.  
W. Schroder, Hoihow Oct. 29, General.—  
WIEBER & Co.

Oct. 31, Telenachus, British steamer,  
1412, H. Jones, London Sept. 12, and Singa-  
pore Oct. 24, General.—BUTTERFIELD &  
SWIRE.

Oct. 31, Electra, German steamer, 1161,  
Killer, Saigon Oct. 27, Rice and General.—  
SIEMSEN & Co.

Oct. 31, Otto, German ship, 1205, Fort-  
mann, Shanghai Oct. 25, Ballast.—CAR-  
TAIN.

Oct. 31, Diamond, British barque, 301,  
Ness, Kuchinotzu Oct. 21, Coal.—BUR-  
FIELD & SWIRE.

## DEPARTURES.

Oct. 31, Atlanta, for Chooch.  
31, Anoy, for Canton.

31, Methuen, for Whampoa.  
31, Glenly, for Singapore, &c.

31, Emerald, for Amoy.  
31, Victoria, for Sourabaya.

31, Fuyong, for Canton.  
31, Cutterham, for Port Darwin, &c.

## CLEARED.

Hermitie, for Bangkok.  
Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per Fuyong, from Shanghai, Messrs. Hu-  
bard, Peck, Perkins, Little, Hubbel, and  
165 Chinese.

Per Actin, from Saigon, 3 Chinese.  
Per Methuen, from Hoihow, Mr. Nielsen,  
and 60 Chinese.

Per Telenachus, from London, &c., Mr.  
Crowe, and 150 Chinese.

## DEPART.

Per Glenly, for Singapore, &c., 697 Chi-  
nese.

Per Emerald, for Amoy, 100 Chinese.

Per Cutterham, for Port Darwin, &c.,  
115 Chinese, and 37 Japanese.

## To DEPART.

Per Kwangtung, for Coast Ports, 200  
Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer Fuyong reports:  
Had cloudy weather with brisk monsoon  
throughout.

The British steamer Telenachus reports:  
Left London Sept. 12th, arrived at Singa-  
pore on the 20th inst., and left for this port  
on the 24th, had light variable winds and  
calms up to Pulo Sapah, from there strong  
monsoon, cloudy, rainy and squally weath-  
er with high sea until arrival at this port.

## CARGOES.

Per S. S. Sufey, sailed 30th October:—  
To London, from Canton and Macao, 12,715  
boxes Tea (containing 72,935 lbs. Congou,  
170,247 lbs. Scented Oaper, and 23,774 lbs.  
Scented Orange-Pekoe—total 286,956 lbs.);  
from Canton, 136 bales Raw Silk, 126 bales  
Waste Silk, and 13 cases Silk Piece Goods;  
from Shanghai, 9,953 pigs Tea (particulars  
unknown), 556 bales Raw Silk, 69 bales  
Waste Silk, 7 bales Cocoons, 7 cases Silk  
Piece Goods, and 5 bales Pongees; from  
Japan, 112 bales Raw Silk, and 135 bales  
Waste Silk; To Continent: from Canton,  
354 bales Raw Silk; 4 bales Waste Silk, and  
8 cases Silk Piece Goods; from Shanghai,  
1,305 bales Raw Silk, 75 bales Waste Silk,  
52 bales Cocoons, 10 cases Silk Piece  
Goods, and 30 bales Pongees; from Japan,  
514 bales Raw Silk, 230 bales Waste Silk,  
118 pigs Tea (particulars unknown). To  
New York: from Shanghai, 885 pigs Tea  
(particulars unknown).

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For NAGASAKI, HIOGO, AND YOKO-  
HAMA.  
Per KAMA, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday,  
the 1st November.

For HOIHOW AND PAKHOI.—  
Per Anton, at 6 p.m., on Thursday, the  
1st Nov.

For KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.—  
Per Thales, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 3rd Nov.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—  
Per Erypa, at 4.50 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 3rd Nov., instead of as previously  
notified.



with the Czar's consent, or else, the Czar would proclaim to the Bulgarians that "the Prince could no longer count on the support of the power which they regarded as their deliverer." The Prince could only submit, and the curious spectacle is displayed of a Liberal regime working under Russian auspices, while the ostensible figure, head of the Constitution, Prince Alexander, is supplicating aid from Austria and Germany, the opponents of Russia's Bulgarian policy.

The above is somewhat the position of affairs, and it is not easy to define the importance of the announcement in Renter's telegram of Sunday. What does Russia mean by withdrawing her officers from Bulgaria, and what can have again induced the Prince to dismiss his Russian minister of war. He must be counting on support of a powerful nature from some direction, otherwise this petty ruler would scarcely venture to board the "Russian Bear" in the way he has done. It is known that he has the sympathies of Austria and Germany, and it is generally thought that Austria and Russia are working to extend their empires over the Bulgarian territory. The recent telegrams in the American papers, giving detailed accounts of the extensive military preparations going on along the Russo-German and Russo-Austrian frontiers, certainly bear an ominous appearance in the present crisis. Nor does a Renter's telegram, which comes in as we write, stating that the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs disclaims any hostility towards Russia, give a more peaceable aspect to affairs.

It is worthy of note says the *N. O. D. News*, that there was not a single vessel alongside the Associated Wharves yesterday, (Oct. 20th), and no vessels were telegraphed as leaving China ports or Hongkong for Shanghai.

Should the threatened war between France and China become a fait accompli, the Admiralty will be compelled to call upon one of the best known officers of the Chinese navy to resign his commission in the Imperial Service and return to England on the half-pay of £183 a year. This officer is Commander William Metcalf Lang, R.N., a vice-admiral in the Chinese navy, and late in command of the *Kestrel* in our own service. Commander Lang is not likely to follow the example of Horatio Pouch, whose refusal of the Admiralty request to resign the service of the "unrepentable Turk" led to his name being struck out of the Navy List. Not such a dreadful disgrace, perhaps, when it is remembered that a similar sentence was passed on the Earl of Darnley, one of England's great seamen, and that Sartorius and Charles Napier experienced a like fate during the days when they held command of Don Pedro's fleet.

Marquis Tseng is, says the *Figaro*, earning golden opinions on all sides by the way in which he is carrying on the negotiations with France. He has always been socially popular since he first gave those "At Home" in Portland-place, but the existence of the present crisis has further developed his very admirable qualities as a diplomatist, one of the chief of them being an exceptionally calm and equable temper. Nor is his diplomatic reputation associated with that deceitful cunning which is often a characteristic of the Mongol diplomatist. He is much more, but of Oriental shyness there seems to be no trace. It may interest my readers to know that the Marquis is so far Occidentalized in his habits as to fall in readily with most of our social ways. He preserves his countryman's fondness for rice, however, and never breaks without a nut and attendant who is competent to prepare this grain in the ways most pleasing to his master's palate. The Marquis came to Europe too late, however, to acquire any command of Western languages; and a little—in fact, very little—English is his only linguistic accomplishment. Of French, he knows nothing, and of Russian—if the Russian may be used—still less; but he has an *attaché* who makes up for his master's linguistic deficiencies by talking English, French, and German with peculiar facility.

REITERING to the performance of the "Chinese Imperial Band" in Shanghai, the *Mercury* says:—This Band, which arrived here some days ago from Tientsin for the purpose of giving Concerts in aid of the Yellow River sufferers, gave their first musical entertainment at the Public Garden this afternoon. The Band is the first and only one in existence which, entirely composed of Chinese, is under the tuition of a foreigner. The bandmaster number twenty-two; their musical instructor is Mr. Bigel, a native of Alsace, and they are under the special patronage of Li Heng-chang. This band was organized three years ago and the progress which the pupils have made since, reflects great credit on their tutor. It must have been a very difficult and tedious task to teach these men the first rudiments of music. The Chinese prefer their own simple melodies to the finest European music. They will seemingly watch with great interest the performance of a European band, but when, whilst doing so, their curiosity is only roused by the strange form of our musical instruments and the fingering which puzzles them to a still greater extent. European music passes by their ears and has no effect on their nature, although the admirable scratching on a Chinese fiddle brings all their vital spirits in motion. One of the greatest difficulties, which had to be overcome by teaching these men was the Guide's result. The Chinese have two scales of notes in use; one of them the so-called "Southern" which is characterized, like the early Scotch and Irish, by the absence of the fourth and seventh; the other scale is the so-called "Northern" in which the intervals are supplied with the sharp and flat.

More a word or two about the execution of the programme. The instruments used by the bandmen are all brass instruments, arranged after the French system, it having been found that reed-instruments were too difficult for their use. The programme included operatic, dance, sacred and even Chinese music, and the strange form of our musical instruments and the fingering which puzzles them to a still greater extent. European music passes by their ears and has no effect on their nature, although the admirable scratching on a Chinese fiddle brings all their vital spirits in motion. One of the greatest difficulties, which had to be overcome by teaching these men was the Guide's result. The Chinese have two scales of notes in use; one of them the so-called "Southern" which is characterized, like the early Scotch and Irish, by the absence of the fourth and seventh; the other scale is the so-called "Northern" in which the intervals are supplied with the sharp and flat.

rendered in very good style and was loudly applauded. Nos. 5 and 7 of the Programme were two Chinese airs. In No. 5 the bandmaster played a solo on an instrument, which Chinese mostly use in their wedding or funeral ceremonies, and which resembles greatly a Scotch bagpipe. Yet, we believe, in both pieces the true Chinese melody was lost through the added confusion of harmonized accompaniment, and a Chinese musician would have recognised the melody with great difficulty. They must have cost their bandmaster great trouble in transposing them from the original.

#### NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Sept. 22. The Fisheries Exhibition has been the place this summer and its success, financially, has been great. Where in this broad London have the Middlesex magistrates left a spot where a cigar can be smoked in the open air, with light, life, and music to cheer the heart of man. When I first emerged on a Wednesday evening late night from the interesting building and beheld the myriads of coloured lights twinkling in the trees, and glimmering from the bushes, the thousands of Chinese lanterns, the magnificent electric light "sun" overhead, the lakes teeming with gondolas and canoes, and the blaze of coloured lights, I viewed a scene infinitely better than that provided at Cremorne in its best days. Fortunately for Londoners this "moral Cremorne" was opened under the name of an industrial exhibition, and the old fogies, who make London the most immoral, yet dullest, city in the world, had no excuse to withhold the license. And the Company, though dashed perhaps here and there with the "free lances," was such that not even the greatest stickler could object to the Guards' band, under Dan Godfrey, played the most perfect music and there were thousands of seats around under the lamp-laden trees. A very different provision, this, to the chairless (and therefore, cheerless) Promenade Concerts, where it is necessary to keep on promenade unless you pay the tax of having liquids in the adjoining hall. Refreshments are to be got in all directions, but on a shilling night (five nights a week) your modest "bob" gives you three or four hours of the finest band in England, a comfortable chair brilliant and amusing company and no restriction as to fumigating. The gardens are splendid, and the weather this summer has been exceptionally good, giving the Exhibition a fair trial. We are hopeful that this is not the last of such open air concerts. The public have stood being bottled up long enough, and there is a feeling abroad that Britons have been slaves long enough and the time of their redemption draweth nigh.

Of course there are a lot of stories upon hanging and the hanging going the rounds just now, and one is related particularly of a certain criminal who very lately chose kidneys and bacon for his last breakfast and sent the dish back with a request that the kidneys might be a little better done. He also was allowed to have a dish of hot mussels which he devoured with the greatest gusto. "Mussels," said the condemned man, "always pay me out by giving me indigestion. This time I guess I've got the best of them."

This day, Tuesday, Mr. Edmund Tattersall takes his seat for the last time in the room under the elms at Middle Park. A branch of the North Kent Railway is about to be carried into the heart of these once celebrated paddocks. In 1849, Mr. Bickerton, then a haberdasher, and not a very successful one, in Chislehurst, purchased a modest little house in Dalsdon and the new investment was actually lost through the fire of this domicile and installed in a shed in the rear. From this acorn it was destined that a mighty oak should spring. The many unprofitable years he had devoted to the sale of braces and neckties gradually ended and the monster stud farm, which so enormously increased and improved our race horses, came out of the puny venture of the greatest breeder of horses England has ever possessed. In the sensational Derby of 1867 had not "The Duke" met with an accident, there can be little doubt that Middle Park would have been first, second and third.

A friend of mine was one of a party of nine going on the Broadmoor moors in North Derbyshire. They obtained extraordinary success; 633 brace of grouse were bagged and they could have obtained 800 brace and more if they had remained out longer. The question of fees to hotel servants is again being discussed. The public not only have to pay the hotel keeper an ample remuneration for services rendered, but there is the tax of gratuities which does not grow smaller. The matter is to me apparently in a nutshell, if only the requisite stand could be made. In no London Club worth the name is any servant permitted to receive any gratuity whatever. A club servant who accepted a tip would be instantly dismissed, and the members, who, by offering the bribe, had violated the regulations of the club would be liable to severe censure from the committee. Yet at every club, not only civility and attention, but obsequious conformance to the minutest wishes of members, are the invariable rule. These profits of good hotels are large, and the dividends paid by hotel companies are large. They should, then, be strong enough to pay their servants well and the *sine qua non* of keeping a situation should be that it would be as readily lost if any gratuity were accepted. There is ample room for reform. (To be continued.)

#### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

The second ordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, was held in the office of the General Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) this forenoon. There were present:—The Hon. F. B. Johnson (Chairman), the Hon. P. Rytis, Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, F. D. Sassoon (Members of Consulting Committee); T. Jackson, A. P. MacEwan, R. Layton, J. A. de Remedios, D. Rattana, J. F. T. P. Foster, A. G. Morris, J. Bell, Irving, B. B. D. Sayle, Ng Awai, Ho Tung (Native Agency Representative), and E. E. Dear.

Mr. Dear having read the notice calling the meeting, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, this is the second ordinary general meeting of the Canton Insurance Office since it was reconstituted as a limited company, and it is our duty to-day to lay before you the report of the first year's working of the reorganised office, together with a statement of accounts. That report has been in the hands of the shareholders now for several days; and I don't know that I can add anything very special to the information which it contains. The amount of premium collected during the year was very satisfactory, and at one time it appeared as if we should have had a most successful year. Towards the close of that period, however, a series of very heavy losses fell upon the company which marred the fair prospect held out by the open statement of accounts we laid before you at this time last year. I cannot say the accounts are altogether unsatisfactory, considering that we are enabled to pay a dividend of ten per cent. to shareholders, a bonus of 125 per cent. to contributors of business, and place \$55,000 to the Reserve Fund. But the amounts we have paid to contributors compare unfavourably with the very handsome results shown by other local companies, and we are quite aware that if we are to hold our own we must do better in future. I have every confidence that we shall be able to do so. I feel sure that the shareholders will approve of the discretion that has been exercised by the General Agents and Consulting Committee in placing \$55,000 to the credit of the Reserve Fund, bearing in mind that it is our duty to strengthen in every way the position of the company. With regard to the business of the current year, I am extremely happy to say that the collections of premium up to the 30th September amount to \$1,096,230.00, and that so far as is known, the balance of premium, after paying all losses which had been reported to us up to 24th October, amounts to \$607,370.00, which compares very favourably with the statement laid before you last October, when that balance was \$335,814.51. At the same time we must bear in mind that premiums are not profits, and that we have still the most hazardous part of the year to pass through. The usual formal resolutions relating to the appointment of a committee to enquire into the loss before you last October, when that balance was \$335,814.51. At the same time we must bear in mind that premiums are not profits, and that we have still the most hazardous part of the year to pass through. 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